Quest of theNobleman.

There were few harder headed men | planations-rather clumsily given, perthan Ruufs Bateson, the iron man, and hups; but she was too enraptured to few softer headed girls than Anastasia, notice this-setting forth that Earl Falfew softer headed girls than Anastasia, notice this—setting forth that Earl Falhis daughter. Chicago was proud of
both of them, for the former represented the power of the purse in an
economical degree, and the latter was
a social society queen ere she had attained her majority. Rutus was worth

Weight to the announcement, he added:

that, far from being "worth the world,"
the was not even worth attention.
In this interval Anastasia.

to Europe, had been presented at court, had spoken with princes and nobles and thoughts and said: "He is not mar-had listened to such soft flatteries from ried, I believe, and, if my judgment be and listened to such soft natteries from problem of any account, not worth any girl's marrying. Still he's an earl—yes, all the returned to their lake-front Miss Bateson could hardly tell what

in England and brought it back with there some her to Chicago. That ambition was to the action? marry a title, after the present fashion lonesses and American countesses the him and that one of them was Cecil favorites of London society, and she Raymond. She felt annoyed with her for her father to buy her a nobleman. Yes, she did not blink the terrible truth that it was only her father's millions that could obtain her the coveted honor. She did not ask for love, or admiration or devotion; all she wanted was a

"I don't aspire so high as to ask to become a princess or a duchess, as so the earl was introduced. many American girls have done," she pleaded with her father; "no, I don't want to be unreasonable; let me be simply a countess and I'll be content." that it was said of him that the iron he worked in had entered his soul, but he had never carried that sterness into his home until now. He turned upon arm, bowed and murmured something her with a wrath that she had never about being "honored, I'm shaw!" seen him stirred to before and swore he would rather see her dead at his feet

Those were trying days for both

"What is the matter with Miss Bateon" asked young Cyril Raymond of acknowledged my bow, and how pale to America, and, from a physical point

sorely troubled in heart, for up to the with a stick that might almost be retime of Miss Bateson's leaving for Eu- garded as a crutch. rope he had treasured hopes of one day winning the heiress for himself.

No wonder that when the young bloods of Chicago became acquainted of coughling.
with the sad news that Anastasia Bate-

however. He thought he had seen fur- contuites." and as he recalled the many tender responses she had given to words of at- the world for a cough." sponses she had given to words of feetionate meaning that he had spoken to her in the ante-Europe period, he to her in the ante-Europe period, her father.

"No, no," said the early, protesting-

position to him-something with refer- moned at once, but to allow any one to "Shall we say Thursday afternoon?"

"Yes: that'll do." Agreed," said Cyrii; "but you must say, though what prompted her to say prepare the way. Talk him up all you it she could not have told.

Tve some news for you, my dear; helrloom-

I'm going to bring a British earl to er on Thursday." "A what?" exclaimed the agitated

'A real, live English earl-Earl Fal-

millions, while Anastasia was "worth "I must say I don't think much of him the world," her many admirers were as a man; he may be a good deal as an wont to declare, and if personal beauty and the fact of her being an only child, thing else; still, as your mind has been and the fact of her being an only child, and therefore a great heiress, aggregated to such a value, they were right.

But a day came when the Chicago him. Not that I have changed my mind admirers of Miss Bateson made a fresh in any way, mark that; but it upsets appraisement of her value, and all me to see you more as you do; andagreed-with the one exception of Cyrli well, he's coming, and you can judge

Anastasia would have liked to have inquired if the earl was married, but

Her father, however, read her

mansion.

Miss Bateson had found an ambition father decided to yield to her, or was there some hidden motive underlying

When Thursday afternoon came and of American heiresses. She had seen her father drove up the carriageway American duchesses, American march- she saw that two gentlemen were with hungered, thirsted, pleaded and prayed father for having brought him; his presence would introduce an element of embarrassment, for she could not forget how near she and Cyril had been to becoming engaged at one time.

Anastasia was seated in the drawing

room (attired like a Worth model and looking as bright and handsome as a well-bred American girl can look) when

sold Mr. Bateson, as he led forward a young old-looking man; who held on to the iron master's hand and tottered Rufus Bateson was such a stern man feebly by his side; "I want to introduce you to my daughter, Miss Bateson

The eacl, still holding Mr. Bateson's

"I am most happy to meet you, my lord," said the girl, though the words than soft to a titled puppet not worth | belied her, for the nobleman was so weak and decripit a creature that beside him Cyril Raymond looked a stalfather and daughter. The more copious wart giant. Alas, her dreams had been were Anastasia's tears, the more mer- of something more poetic than Earl of something more poetic than Earl Falconer. He was not like the nobletime, when they happened to meet in remembered having heard her mother the city. "I saw her out driving yesterday in South Park and she hardly only the broken-down nobles that came

of view, this carl her father had Mr. Bateson then confided to Cyril brought to see her was broken down inthe secret of Anastasia's coldness and deed. He had a stiff left knee, were a pallor and the young man went away patch over his right eye, and walked

> Two or three times the earl attempted to say something complimentary, but each time was prevented by a violent fit

That cough of yours is troublesome son had caught the prevailing infection my lord," said Cyril, commiseratingly, and now hankered after a title, they said to themselves she was not worth covering himself, "Is one of the penalties of long descent." Then he coughed cyril Raymond thought differently, again. "It has been in my family for

"Let me recommend Blankston's ther into the depths of Anastasia's "Let me recommend Blankston's heart than others had done, perhaps; balsam, sir," said Mr. Bateson, taking a chair near the earl. "Finest thing in

this yearning of hers was more than a ly; "hereditary coughs of the good old passing mood, and he told her father so. English sort are beyond treatment. If A few days later Cyril saw Mr. my head ached, or my hand were bruis-Bateson again and made a certain pro-

> "Heredity must have a good deal to answer for," Miss Bateson ventured to

"Ah, to be proud of," returned the "Earl Falconer; don't forget; Earl earl, with a throaty chuckle; "but would you mind coming over to this When he reached home that evening side, Miss Bateson. Your words are Wr. Bateson astounded his daughter by far too precious, I am shaw, to be-ah saying:

-lost; and I am a little deaf on an

> "Oughtn't you to say an ear-lom, my lord?" interjected Cyril, with a laugh, "By my "scutch-on! You're a wit, ely-a positive wit," chuckled the earl. been a distinguishing feature of the

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men she had seen in England, but then, father proposed that they should take most of them had been married and a stroll in the grounds until dinner time son" asked young Cyri Maymout his the ironmaster one afternoon about this were men of fame as well as title. She time, when they happened to meet in remembered having heard her mother mour of the title, that the earl had not

"Then I will make it clearer," he went

"You cured her completely that aftergeen you do on it."
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fall about. It seemed that the establish you are the wait a second, I know what ment inside was a school for barbers, I want to say—you are the lodestar—that is it—lodestar—the lodestar of my given to anybody who was willing to take chances on the learners. The

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new dispensation.—Whedon. A mag-nificent porch to the temple of our nificent porch to the temple of our Lord's ministry.—Oishausen, Designed to set forth the fundamental principles of the new covenant.—Eddy. Heavenly summary of the life and practice of Christianity.—Ellicott. Charter of the Kingdom of God.—Pressense. Seeing these multitudes he went up into the mountain; a mountain, as a lofty part of the earth nearer to heaven, is suited to the most holy actions.—Bengel. mountain; a mountain, as a lofty part of the earth nearer to heaven, is suited to the most holy actions.—Bengel. Opened His mouth, iman is the mouth of humanity.—Large. The evangelists have transcribed at length two discourses of our Lord as models of all; that which was delivered practically at the commencement of His ministry and another delivered privately at its close.—Bengel. Blessed: This first word, so often repeated, indicates the scope of Christ's teaching.—Ibld. Seven absolute Bealtindes (expressing state of plous as such). Two relative (in their relations to men). All in most beautiful order.—Ibld. Four benedictions on proper receptiveness of heart. A triad of benediction on Christian doing.—Whedon. The Heavenly Father prevailed. His whole subsequent life and discourses may be called a commentary on this sermon.—Olshausen. Blessed: The fundamental formula of the Gospel.—Stier. Exordium: Sweet invitation to the fellowship of true righteousness and of blessedness in it.—Ibld.

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Gen. Harrison Reticent Concerning

Bumors of His Views on the Boer War. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 29 .- A

special from Washington to the Indianapolis News to-day says that General Harrison has expressed some pretty blunt views on the Boer question, and has written a friendly, personal letter to Secretary Hay on the subject. Either in this letter or in some comm tion he is credited with having said; "He hoped the Boers would find some place on the green earth where they would have a right to live unmolested by the British. They have more than once sacrificed their land and their homes and moved on to avoid the Brit-

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